

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Subject: Arroyo Grande Letter from Freeport

Hello Pat and Jon,

We were just provided a courtesy copy of the letter from Patrick Vowell (Freeport-McMorRan) to you dated April 28, 2016. Since this is not a formal reply to our April 19, 2016 letter, we are not providing you with comprehensive comments, however, we noted the capture zone analysis includes a 2 year, 5 year and 10 year capture zone calculation. As you are aware, the current source evaluation criteria includes the evaluation of the “volume (or portion) of an aquifer which contains water that will be produced by a well in its lifetime. (from “Enhancing Coordination and Communication with State on Review and Approval of Aquifer Exemption Requests under SWDA” July, 2014. It’s uncertain, based on the information we have at this time, if the evaluation presented could be considered the lifetime of the wells evaluated.

Sincerely,

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